Appl. No. 09/289,789
Supplemental Amdt. After Final Office Action dated October 1, 2004
Reply to Final Office Action, dated June 1, 2004 and Telephonic Conversations on September 29, 2004, September 30, 2004, and October 1, 2004

Remarks/Arguments

The Examiner is thanked for the careful review of this Application. Claims 71-101 are pending after entry of the present Supplemental Amendment after Final Office Action. Claims 1-70 were previously cancelled.

The Applicants submit this Amendment in response to the undersigned's telephonic conversations with Examiner L. Zhen on September 29, 2004, September 30, 2004, and October 1, 2004. In this Amendment, the claims have been amended to reflect the amendments requested and agreed upon by Examiner Zhen during the aforementioned telephonic conversations. The amendments do not introduce new subject matter.

The Applicants further submit this Amendment in response to Examiner Zhen's request to file a Terminal Disclaimer under 37 C.F.R. § 1.321 to obviate the obviousness-type double patenting rejection in the above-referenced patent application. The Applicants hereby submit the requested Terminal Disclaimer, as executed by the attorney of record. Per Examiner Zhen, claims 71-101 of the above-referenced application are being rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting, as being unpatentable over the claims issued in the United States Patent No. 6,785,894. Accordingly, attached is an executed Terminal Disclaimer.

In view of the foregoing, the Applicants respectfully submit that all of the pending claims 71-101 are in condition for allowance. Accordingly, a Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested. If the Examiner has any questions concerning this Supplemental Amendment After Final Office Action or the Terminal Disclaimer being filed concurrently, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at (408) 749-6900, ext. 6913. If any additional fees are due in connection with filing this Supplemental Amendment After Final Office Action, the Commissioner is also authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 50-0805 (Order No. SUNMP568). A duplicate copy of the transmittal is enclosed for this purpose.

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